

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

1 - 21 (Canceled)

22. (New) An electric household appliance, especially a dishwasher, comprising:
a receptacle for receiving items to be handled by the electric household appliance;
a door permitting access to the receptacle; and
a door lock for the door, the door lock having a frame with an opening for a hook,
a closing member such as a closing lever in the frame, a closing spring disposed
between the closing member and a counter-bearing in the frame, a gripping
device, the closing member being connected to the gripping device, and means for
selectively inhibiting the movement of the closing member, the means for
selectively blocking the movement of the closing member being selectively
positionable between a first position in which the means for selectively blocking
the movement of the closing member blocks a respective movement of the closing
member, whereupon the blocked respective movement of the closing member
operates as a child safety feature and a second position in which the means for
selectively blocking the movement of the closing member does not block the
respective movement of the closing member, whereupon the child safety feature is
deactivated.
23. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 22, wherein, in the
first position with the child safety feature activated, the means for selectively
blocking is inserted into a recess of the closing lever or rests on the edge of the
closing lever and the movement of the closing lever is thereby positively blocked.

24. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 22 and further comprising a locking head which, in the first position of the means for selectively blocking with the child safety feature activated, is inserted in a recess of a portion of the door, for example, a side wall of the frame or a control panel so that as a result of a positive connection between the locking head and the boundary of the recess, the forces applied to the means for selectively blocking are transferred to the boundary of the recess.
25. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 22, wherein, in the second position with the child safety feature deactivated, the means for selectively blocking is located outside the recess or the edge of the closing lever and thereby the movement of the closing member is not blocked.
26. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 22, wherein the means for selectively blocking can preferably be moved in a direction of movement perpendicular to the direction of movement of the closing member and the means for selectively blocking has a conical shape with increasing diameter beginning at the free end of the means for selectively blocking so that, when very high forces act on the closing member, as a result of a small angle of inclination, i.e., 20° (twenty degrees), between the circumferential surface of the means for selectively blocking and the bearing surface on the means for selectively blocking, e.g. the boundary surface of the recess, the means for selectively blocking can be moved into the second position due to resulting normal forces in the means for selectively blocking.
27. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 22, wherein the closing spring is tensioned in an open position of the door lock, the gripping device is pressed against a part of the frame or in the frame by the closing spring at a contact point in the open position of the door lock, thus preventing the release of the spring, the gripping device has a gripping latch into which a hook is guided

on passing through the opening in the frame and has a contact surface onto which the incoming hook presses and thereby causing a movement of the gripping device and the gripping device is shaped so that it loses contact with the contact point during a movement of the hook and the closing spring can thereby be released.

28. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 22, wherein the means for selectively blocking is fixed to a pivoted shaft by means of a pivoted lever so that the means for selectively blocking can execute a rotary movement between the first position and the second position.
29. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 28 and further comprising a restoring lever connected to the pivoted shaft and a spring, whereby a restoring moment can be applied to the pivoted shaft so that the means for selectively blocking is pressed into the first position to activate the child safety feature.
30. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 28 and further comprising a preferably rectangular plate made of plastic with a locating lug and a limiting lug is formed on an adjusting lever connected to the pivoted shaft wherein, as a result of the thickness of the plate, the plate can be elastically deformed under application of small forces.
31. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 30, wherein beginning with the free end, the adjusting lever projects partly over a slot-shaped recess in a gripping shell into a handle of the door such that as a result of a movement of the adjusting lever the means for selectively blocking can be moved between the first position and the second position to activate and deactivate the child safety features, wherein the direction of movement of the adjusting lever in the handle is preferably lateral and horizontal.

32. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 31, wherein the adjusting lever can be detachably fixed in the second position of the means for selectively blocking for continuous deactivation of the child safety feature, whereby the adjusting lever rests with a limiting strip on a flat area, e.g. of the panel dish and the movement of the adjusting lever to the first position is blocked by the locating lug on the limiting strip.
33. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 32, wherein, to activate the child safety feature, the locating lug can be raised over the limiting strip through a small recess in the gripping shell of the handle using a pointed object, so that as a result of the force of the spring, the adjusting lever can be moved into the first position and for continuous deactivation of the child safety feature, the locating lug can be raised over the limiting strip using a pointed object whilst simultaneously activating the adjusting lever in the handle.
34. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 22, wherein the means for selectively blocking is arranged on an actuating slider in a slider housing and by means of a translational movement of the actuating slider in the slider housing, the means for selectively blocking can be moved between the first position and the second position and conversely, preferably between two stop points.
35. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 34 and further comprising an actuating lever is formed on the actuating slider which projects via a slot in the gripping shell of the handle therein and the actuating slider can thereby be moved from the handle with the actuating lever between the first and second position, wherein the actuating lever can be pressed into the first position by a spring.

36. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 35 and further comprising a locating lug is formed on the actuating slider which in the second position of the actuating slider engages in a recess of the slider housing and preferably either the displacement of the actuating slider from the second position into the first position can be executed only by the actuating lever or the locating lug must be additionally pressed in via a recess on the gripping shell of the handle using a sharp object.
37. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 22, wherein the movement of the means for selectively blocking from the first to the second position and conversely to activate and deactivate the child safety feature is adjustable from the top of the door using an actuating element.
38. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 37, wherein the actuating element, e.g. a lever, a cup-shaped disk or a part which can be actuated using a screwdriver is arranged fixedly or removably on the top.
39. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 38, wherein the actuating element is connected to an actuating shaft on which a cam is formed and using the cam on the actuating shaft the pivoted lever with means for selectively blocking can be moved from the first into the second position and conversely.
40. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 22, wherein the movement of the means for selectively blocking from the first to the second position and conversely to activate and deactivate the child safety feature can be executed by a preferably electric actuator, e.g. a wax expansion element, a bimetal part, an electromagnet or an inserted/withdrawn memory part.
41. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 40, wherein the actuator can be controlled using an electric, electronic or mechanical control using

a specific control logic wherein, for example, the child safety feature is continuously activated, only activated during operation or a certain button or button combination must be pressed to deactivate the child safety feature.

42. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 40, wherein the actuator can be controlled by remote control, preferably via a radio signal or via the internet.